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SUBJECT: TREATMENT OF FOREIGN NATIONAL AT U.S. MILITARY MEDICAL
FACILITY

1. YOUR PERSONAL ATTENTION AND HELP IS REQUESTED ON AN URGENT BASIS TO EXPEDITE EARLIEST POSSIBLE ADMISSION TO AND TREATMENT BY WALTER REED ARMY HOSPITAL OR BETHESDA NAVAL HOSPITAL FOR AN OUTSTANDING FRIEND OF THE UNITED STATES. SUBJECT IS RETIRED LIEUTENANT GENERAL J.L. HUANG OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA WHO SERVED AS HIS COUNTRY'S AMBASSADOR TO PANAMA FROM 1965 TO 1975. HE IS A GRADUATE OF VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY (1924) AND DID GRADUATE WORK AT COLUMBIA. DURING WORLD WAR II, AS DIRECTOR OF HIS COUNTRY'S WAR AREA SERVICE CORPS HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FEEDING, HOUSING AND WELFARE SERVICES FOR AMERICAN OFFICERS AND MEN IN CHINA (A PEAK LOAD OF 48,000 AMERICANS). HE WAS PERSONALLY COMMENDED BY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AT CAIRO AND RECEIVED THE LEGION OF MERIT FROM PRESIDENT TRUMAN. HE HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF THE U.S. ARMED SERVICES YMCA IN THE CANAL ZONE. IN THESE AND COUNTLESS OTHER WAYS, AMBASSADOR HUANG HAS BEEN A DEDICATED FRIEND OF THE U.S. THROUGHOUT HIS LONG LIFE.

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2. AMBASSADOR HUANG HAS SUFFERED RECENTLY A SEVERE DETERIORATION IN HIS HEALTH. GORGAS HOSPITAL REPORTS THAT ECG'S SHOW QUOTE FIRST DEGREE AV BLOCK, A COMPLETE RIGHT BUNDLE BRANCH BLOCK AND A PARTIAL LEFT ANTERIOR HEMIBLOCK UNQUOTE. HIS BLOOD PRESSURE HAS FALLEN SIGNIFICANTLY (TO 120/165). BECAUSE OF THESE CHANGES, DOCTORS AT GORGAS HAVE SUGGESTED

PLACEMENT OF A DEMAND PACEMAKER. AMBASSADOR HUANG HAS ALSO SUFFERED FROM DIABETES FOR TEN YEARS WITH THIS CONDITION BEING CONTROLLED BY DIET AND ORAL HYPOGLYCEMIC AGENTS. THE MEDICAL REPORT FROM GORGAS MEMORIAL LABORATORY CONCLUDES: QUOTE IN VIEW OF MR. HUANG'S AGE (76) AND THE COMPLEXITY OF HIS SYMPTOMS AND PHYSICAL FINDING IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT FURTHER STUDIES AND ANY DEFINITIVE TREATMENT BE CONDUCTED AT AN INSTITUTION WHERE PROPER GERIATRIC STUDIES AND CARE ARE AVAILABLE. UNQUOTE. THE COMMAND SURGEON OF SOUTHERN COMMAND, COLONEL TOMAS BIRRIEL-CARMONA, M.D. HAS REVIEWED THE MEDICAL REPORT AND CONCURS IN ITS RECOMMENDATIONS. HE HAS RECOMMENDED THAT THE PATIENT BE REFERRED TO BETHESDA NAVAL HOSPITAL FOR FURTHER EVALUATION. AMBASSADOR HUANG HAS EXPRESSED A PREFERENCE TO GO TO WALTER REED BECAUSE OF HIS PERSONAL FRIENDSHIP WITH THE RESPECT FOR MAJOR GENERAL BERNSTEIN OF THAT INSTITUTION. HOWEVER, HE WILL ACCEPT OUR RECOMMENDATION SHOULD MEDICAL AUTHORITIES DEEMSBETHESDA MORE APPROPRIATE.

3. IN ACCORDANCE WITH AIRGRAM A-9211 OF DECEMBER 17, 1974 REGARDING SUCH CASES, I HAVE PERSONALLY REVIEWED ALL ASPECTS OF THIS CASE AND BELIEVE THERE ARE COMPELLING FACTORS BASED ON US NATIONAL INTEREST THAT WARRANT AMBASSADOR HUANG'S BEING APPROVED FOR THE SUGGESTED MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION. HE WILL, OF COURSE, PROVIDE HIS OWN TRANSPORTATION AND PAY ALL MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CHARGES.

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4. I WOULD APPRECIATE URGENT ACTION ON THIS REQUEST. WE MAY BE ABLE TO SAVE THE LIFE OF AN OLD FRIEND OF OUR COUNTRY. HE IS FAILING RAPIDLY. WOULD APPRECIATE TELEPHONIC NOTIFICATION. WITH PERSONAL THANKS.
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